

# **IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 25th November 2018**

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## **South Eastern Amateur Radio Group**

A reminder that the November meeting of the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will take place on Monday the 26th of November 2018 in the Roanmore Social and Sports Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford at 8.00 p.m. sharp. At this meeting Tom SWL will do a show and tell entitled “Zello and its place/or not within amateur radio” Also on the night Sean EI2HZB will be collecting the balances due for the Christmas Party which takes place on the 15th December in Kilkenny. New members or anyone interested in learning more about amateur radio or the group are as always very welcome to attend.

For anyone that wishes to find out more about the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group and their activities you can drop them an email to “info /at/ searg /dot/ ie” or please feel free to come along to any of their meetings. You can check out their website [www.searg.ie](http://www.searg.ie) and you can also join them on Facebook and follow them on Twitter.

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## **Digital Radio Lecture**

The Galway VHF Group will be holding a lecture on Digital Radio in the Insight Building - part of the UCG Data Science Institute located in the IDA Business Park, Lower Dangan (opposite the Westwood Hotel), Galway. The Lecture will commence at 8:00 pm sharp on Tuesday the 4th of December. This lecture has been facilitated by Insight Centre for Data Analytics, NUI.

Topics covered during the lecture will include: The introduction of Digital radio to the Amateur Fraternity in 2004, Basic Building Blocks of the Digital System, Modes Available, Yaesu Fusion, DMR, Programming DMR Radios, Development of the West of Ireland DMR Network, The Galway Analog and Fusion System run by the Galway Radio club.

Please visit [www.insight-centre.org/content/insight-contact-nuig](http://www.insight-centre.org/content/insight-contact-nuig) for the directions to the location.

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## **Radio Classes in the Midlands**

Are you interested in studying for to become an amateur radio operator? Do you have any family members or friends whom may be interested in becoming licensed next year?

The IECRO Radio Club will be running classes in Mullingar very soon Christmas. Significant interest has already been received and a list of names is being compiled for these classes.

Training provided will be of benefit to anyone either totally new to radio or even experienced already in communications theory. Demonstrations and practical hands-on training will be provided in an easy to follow step by step approach.

The club would like to see the establishment of an exam hall in Mullingar for use by when numbers merit it.

Additional information and to book a place before classes begin, please email “info /dot/ iecro /at/ gmail /dot/ com” or telephone Mark EI6HPB on 086 355 2370.

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### **Shannon Basin Radio Club**

A day for your diaries each week. The Shannon Basin Radio 2m net will be taking place this week on at 8pm on Thursday on 145.350MHz. Everyone is welcome to participate. It has become a very successful net with good numbers of call in's.

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### **DV Radio Net**

A reminder that on Monday evenings in the Galway area at 8:30 pm a digital voice net is being operated. Once callins have been taken the net continues down the list and comments may be addressed to anyone within the Group. Whilst this had been originally planned as a local net we appreciate the interest from other areas so feel free to join in. There are many ways of gaining access to this net. Call-ins are all bridged via DMR TG 2724, CQ-IRELAND Wires-X (Fusion) Node 41411, YSF Node 04251, Allstar Node 29884, and Echolink 883269. Thus, there is something for everyone. Please remember to leave a gap between overs to allow the network components to reset.

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### **Additional QRZ Information**

Work is continuing on the installation and testing of the IECRO Ireland radio club

automated stations. Some information has now been added to QRZ.com regarding the services some of these stations will provide when fully operational.

EI2SNG will provide coverage for much of the waterways, thus it will be extremely useful for maritime mobile operations. This analogue gateway will be connected worldwide via both AllStar and Echolink. An alternative set of digital voice services will be provided by EI7SND.

Some coverage predictions for the combined linked network of parrot stations has been made available online via the EI4SNR profile.

For additional information please search on QRZ.com for EI2SNG, EI4SNR and EI7SND.

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### **The Continuing Fun of FUNcube**

It is nearly difficult to believe it, although already the past five years seem to have flown by so quickly. On November 21 five years ago, FUNcube-1 was launched into space.

During these few years FUNcube has transmitted for nearly one hundred and fifty eight million seconds. On average, it has had 105 daily listeners.

Since the launch of FUNcube-1, additional FUNcube systems have been deployed in space. These were UKube-1, QB50p1 and Nayif-1. Two further upcoming systems ESEO and JY1SAT will thus bring the total FUNcube payloads launched for STEM education and amateur radio to six.

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### **ARRL 10M Contest**

The ARRL ten meter contest is described as an event “for Amateurs worldwide to exchange QSO information with as many stations as possible on the 10 meter band”. This year it will take place during the second weekend of December. In terms of modes only CW and SSB are permitted. Terms of the contest can be found from [www.arrl.org/10-meter](http://www.arrl.org/10-meter)

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### **DX News**

Steff HB9FXL will be in Cambodia until 14th December. Look for him signing XU7AKB on SSB on all bands 40 – 10m. QSL via Club Log OQRS.

Al F8FUA will be back in Burkina Faso from 2nd – 11th December. He will reactivate his XT2BR callsign which he first used back in 1983-86. Al hopes to be on CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. QSL via the home call and also LoTW.

Several Russian operators will sign H7/homecall from Big Corn Island in Nicaragua from 26th November – 7th December. Also look for YN4RRC from the same location. IOTA reference is NA-013.QSLs go via RZ3FW.

DK7TF and DH6ICE will be QRV from Sri Lanka until 6th December. They will be mainly on SSB and FT8 using the callsign 4S7DLG. QWSL manager is DK8ZZ.

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Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Mark EI6HPB on 086 355 2370.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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